(d) whether the Government propose to take steps to direct the opening and maintenance of panchayat libraries with the aid of Government grants in all the Panchayat Boards that levy library cess?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Forty-six.

" (b) Thirty-five.

" (c) Twenty-seven.

" (d) A proposal as mentioned in this clause is under examination."

*Completion of " Mudaliar channel " in Tiruchirappalli district.*

* 1109 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the ryots in Karur and Kulithalai taluks have been making periodical representations to the Government requesting them to complete the " Mudaliar channel " and whether the ryots have even offered to pay the entire cost of such completion in ten equal annual payments; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have investigated the matter and taken steps in the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Representations were received from the Ryots of Vangal and Kuppichipalayam villages of Karur taluk in this regard but there was no offer to pay the entire cost of the work in any of them.

" (b) The scheme has been deferred for the present by the Government."

*Thiruvadi anicut, South Arcot district.*

* 1110 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total ayacut under Thiruvadi anicut, South Arcot district;

(b) the number of acres uncultivated in that area; and

(c) the number of acres irrigated by oil engine and electric pumpsets in that area?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Acres 5,782.

" (b) Acres 768.

" (c) Acres 995."